

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2865

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 14, 1999

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Universal Pre-Kinder-  
5       garten and Early Childhood Education Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER FUNDS**  
2 **FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.**

3 Section 10905 of the Elementary and Secondary  
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8245) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “Grants awarded” and inserting  
6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Grants awarded”;

7 (2) by inserting after “may be used” the fol-  
8 lowing: “to plan, implement, or expand pre-kinder-  
9 garten programs described in subsection (b) or”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
11 section:

12 “(b) PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.—A pre-kin-  
13 dergarten program described in this subsection is a pro-  
14 gram of a community learning center that provides pre-  
15 kindergarten curriculum and classes for students 4 years  
16 of age or younger and is taught by teachers who possess  
17 equivalent or similar qualifications to those of teachers of  
18 other grades in the school involved.”.

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